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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: LEE KUAN YEW VISIT TO JAPAN

REF: A. TOKYO 7218, B. SINGAPORE 2096

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE MAY 17 JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HORI COMMENTED ON PRIME MINISTER LEE'S FORTHCOMING VISIT TO JAPAN ALONG LINES WHICH GENERALLY CONFIRMED EMBASSY TOKYO'S REPORT (REF A). HE SAID DATES OF LEE'S VISIT TO TOKYO (MAY 29-JUNE 1) ARE NOW FIRM AND THAT LEE WILL VISIT MANILA PROBABLY ON MAY 27 BEFORE PROCEEDING TO TOKYO. HORI SAID IT WAS NOW ABOUT 90 PCT CERTAIN THAT THE PETROCHEMICAL JOINT VENTURE PROJECT WOULD GO THROUGH. HOWEVER, JAPANESE MINISTRY OF FINANCE STILL HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT AND IT WAS STILL UNCLEAR JUST HOW THE GOJ WOULD FINANCE ITS PORTION OF THE EQUITY.

2. WHEN ASKED IF THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS PROJECT WOULD UPSET THE INDONESIANS WHO ARE STILL INTERESTED IN A PETROCHEMICAL
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PROJECT, HORI SAID THIS WAS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT THE GOJ WAS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN FINANCING THE MUCH LARGER ASAHAN ALUMINUM PROJECT IN INDONESIA, AND THEREFORE THE GOI WOULD NOT BE IN A VERY GOOD POSITION TO COMPLAIN.

3. COMMENT. WHILE GOI MAY NOT BE IN A POSITION TO COMPLAIN TO JAPANESE, WE STILL WONDER WHERE PRODUCTS OF PETROCHEMICAL FACILITY

DOWNSTREAM PROJECTS WILL BE MARKETED. WE ALSO RECALL MINISTER SADILI'S THREATENED STRONG OPPOSITION TOWARD SUMITOMO PROJECT (JAKARTA 4860), AND OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES MAY BE ONLY SLIGHTLY MORE KINDLY DISPOSED TOWARD IT. HENCE, VIABILITY OF SUMITOMO PROJECT STILL SEEMS TO US TO BE SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL UNLESS MARKET MATERIALIZES IN JAPAN OR ELSEWHERE.

4. IF JAPANESE DO MANAGE TO PULL THEIR ACT TOGETHER ON SUMITOMO PROJECT, WE DOUBT THAT GOS, AT ANY RATE, WOULD PRESS FOR FURTHER JAPANESE COMMITMENT IN FORM OF FINANCING FOR THEIR ASEAN INDUSTRIAL PROJECT IN SINGAPORE (STATE 108717). AS EMBASSY TOKYO CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, JAPANESE FOOT-DRAGGING ON SUMITOMO PROJECT HAS BEEN BURDEN ON BILATERAL GOS-GOJ RELATIONS. IF LEE NOW SUCCEEDS IN PULLING OFF PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT, GOS APPETITE FOR JAPANESE ASSISTANCE WOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE BEEN ASSUAGED, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. THIS WOULD SEEM PARTICULARLY TO BE THE CASE SINCE DIESEL ENGINE PROJECT LOOKS LIKE IT IS IN FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD OF GESTATION. GRANT

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